

STOCKSBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stocksbridge Town Council, held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Stocksbridge, on Thursday, 9th April 2026

PRESENT: Cllr. K Davis (Chair); Cllrs. R Crowther, L Fox, J Grocutt (from Item 216)

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 members of the public – Item 216

213. To Receive Chair's Remarks and Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. J Wheeler, J Staniforth, A Law and C Wilson.
214. Exclusion of the Press and Public
There were no items for exclusion of the press and public.
215. Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.
216. Public Questions and Petitions
The Chair welcomed two members of the public from the Stocksbridge and Deepcar Litter Pickers group who updated members on the work they had been doing and raised concerns about littering issues in the local area. The Clerk undertook to communicate information to the public regarding the importance of making a collective effort to keep the area clean and tidy. The Clerk undertook to write to Sheffield City Council to request that additional measures be considered to address the issues in the area, and to consider writing to local businesses and food establishments in relation to litter in the vicinity of their premises.
The Chair thanked the members of the public for attending the meeting.
217. To Receive Remarks from the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th March 2026
Item 197 – The Clerk noted that she had received a response from Marie Tidball MP's office confirming that she would be attending the Town Council meeting on 14th May.
Item 199 – The Clerk informed that she had publicised the Keep Britain Tidy event on social media and responded to enquiries from members of the public. Areas of concern raised at the last Town Council meeting were reported to Sheffield City Council. The Clerk had liaised with Cllr. J Booker regarding the relocation or addition of a litter bin on Manchester Road, and was advised that Streets Ahead were unable to accommodate this request as they believed the current distribution of bins to be appropriate. The Clerk had purchased refuse bags for the Stocksbridge and Deepcar Litter Pickers group and planned to arrange a further purchase of heavy duty refuse bags.
Item 205(d) – The Clerk informed that she had contacted both Stocksbridge Foodbank and The Venue with an offer to promote their services to increase their outreach, and was yet to receive a response.
Item 211 – The Clerk noted that Stocksbridge Towns Fund Board had requested a copy of the March Town Council meeting minutes for formal confirmation of a proper nomination, which she undertook to send upon ratification.

218. To Approve as a True and Correct Record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12th March 2026

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on 12th March 2026, copies of which had been circulated prior to the meeting were taken as read.

Proposed by Cllr. J Grocutt, seconded by Cllr. R Crowther and

RESOLVED:- That the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

219. Finances - To Receive and Approve Monthly Financial Statements including Budget Monitoring

The Clerk reported that the details of the Monthly Financial Statements had been previously circulated.

Proposed by Cllr. R Crowther, seconded by Cllr. L Fox and

RESOLVED:- That the Town Council accept details of the Monthly Financial Statements including Budget Monitoring information for March 2026 as supplied by the Clerk.

220. Correspondence

Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from YLCA including:-

- Weekly News and Notifications – 13th March 2026
- Weekly News and Notifications – 20th March 2026
- Weekly News and Notifications – 27th March 2026
- Weekly News and Notifications – 2nd April 2026

Sheffield Plan – Notice of Extension to Consultation

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Sheffield City Council informing how the public can have their say on the Sheffield Plan and that the deadline for comments has been extended to 5th May. The Clerk has shared the information on social media and around the Town Hall.

Magna Tram Train Station

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from SYMCA regarding the opening of the new Magna Tram Train station on 9th April, which will offer direct connections to the Magna Science Centre in Rotherham and improve links between Rotherham and Sheffield.

Cllr. D Fox, Sheffield City Council

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Cllr D Fox informing of memorial events scheduled to take place on 3rd May, 20th June and 5th July.

SYCMA – Bus Franchising

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from SYMCA regarding a survey which will allow the public to have their say on South Yorkshire's bus services which will run from Wednesday 25th March to Sunday 17th May.

SYCMA – Supertram Network Improvement Works

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from SYMCA informing of supertram network improvement works and diversion of bus Services from City Road from 28th March to 12th April.

Citizens Advice - Stocksbridge & Deepcar Area

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Citizens Advice updating members on how the Stocksbridge and Deepcar service is being utilised.

Peak District National Park – Local Plan Review

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from Peak District National Park notifying of the provisional timetable for the next (and final) statutory consultation on the new Local Plan.

SYMCA – Tram Train Disruptions

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from SYMCA informing of Network Rail drainage works to be carried out at Rotherham Central which are expected to cause some disruption to Sheffield's Tram Train services on the evenings of 11th, 18th and 24th April.

SYMCA – South Yorkshire Bus Consultation Publicity

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from SYMCA notifying that publicity for the South Yorkshire bus consultation has been paused due to pre-election restrictions ahead of local elections on 7th May. No further promotion will take place until after this date and elected members are advised not to promote the consultation during this period. As Town Councillors are not involved in this years' elections, the Chair undertook to place a letter in the Look Local regarding the consultation.

221. Clerk's Reports

The Clerk reported that Look Local had agreed to publish a quarterly full-page newsletter on behalf of the Town Council, with the first to be published around the end of May. The Clerk suggested this could cover the school Easter events, the Annual Assembly and Citizen's Awards, and also suggested using a section of the newsletter to promote local groups and organisations such as Stocksbridge Food Bank, The Venue and Stocksbridge and Deepcar Litter Pickers Group.

The Clerk reported that the Stocksbridge Town Council website had now been transferred to its new address (stocksbridgetowncouncil.gov.uk) and advised that this information had been shared with contacts and on social media.

The Clerk reported that members had been sent login details for their gov.uk emails and informed that once all members are able to use them she would purchase business cards as agreed at the February Town Council meeting.

222. To Receive Verbal Reports from Members

a) Cllr JG reported that she had attended St Ann's Primary School Proud to be Me assembly, several Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre (SCLC) board meetings, The Cedar Tree Coffee Shop opening day, The Cedar Tree Coffee Shop opening event, and a meeting with the Community Support Officer to be updated on local issues. Cllr JG also reported concerns regarding possible unauthorised dog activity at The Stables on Hollin Busk Lane and requested that this be reported.

b) Cllr LF informed that she had reported local jobs to Yorkshire Water.

c) Cllr RC reported that he had attended the GVCA science club.

223. To Receive a Verbal Report from The Mayor

The Mayor, Cllr K Davis, reported that he had participated in the litter pick on Easter Monday with Stocksbridge and Deepcar Litter Pickers group.

224. To Consider Planning Applications and receive the Decisions of the Sheffield Planning and Highways Committee

26/00669/FUL	6 Linden Crescent	Demolition of rear conservatory, erection of single-storey and first-floor rear extensions, partial demolition of front garden room and extension of existing front porch to dwellinghouse
26/00561/FUL	21 Bracken Moor Lane	Erection of single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse
26/00745/FUL	23 Coal Pit Lane	Demolition of existing side conservatory, erection of single-storey side/rear extension and rear conservatory to dwellinghouse
26/00888/FUL (Formerly PP-14796735)	The Stables 3 New Hall Lane	Demolition of conservatory and erection of single-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse
26/00681/FUL (Formerly PP-14769594)	Stanley Bay, More Hall Lane	Redevelopment of existing chalet style bungalow into stone built airbnb and holiday retreat for disabled use

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Conditionally:-

26/00200/CHU	The Dell 27 Belmont Drive	Use of dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) as a childrens care home (Use Class C2)
26/00639/TPO	The Paddock Edward Street	Removal of trees (Tree Preservation Order (TPO No. 808/176) (T52) and (T4)
26/00344/FUL	The Old Dairy Greave House Farm New Hall Lane	Erection of an agricultural barn for use as storage and for processing of veg and fruit, manufacturing goods, shelter and work for workers and volunteers. Use to also include shelter for animals and provision to of a lean-to greenhouse on the south side for propagating and growing of produce for market garden and provision of car parking
26/00252/CDPN	2A Vaughton Hill	Use of ground floor office as self-contained flat (Use Class C3)

The undermentioned planning applications have been Granted Condition Application Decided:-

24/00120/COND7	Land At Junction With Carr Road Hollin Busk Lane	Application to approve details in relation to condition number 8 (Landscape and Ecological Management Plan) relating to planning permission 24/00120/OUT
25/02008/COND1	Land Adjacent Ford House 4 Fox Valley Way	Application to approve details in relation to condition numbers: 3 (Surface drainage), 4 (Habitat Monitoring and Maintenance Plan), 5 (Construction Phase Employment and Skills Strategy), 6 (CEMP: Biodiversity), 7 (Traffic Management), 8 (Wheel Washing), 9 (Site Accommodation), 10 (Renewable Energy), 11 (Broadband), 12 (Lighting Strategy) as imposed by planning permission 25/02008/FUL
25/02008/COND2	Land Adjacent Ford House 4 Fox Valley Way	Application to approve details in relation to condition numbers: 13 (External Materials), 14 (Drainage Strategy), 15 (Drainage Plan), 16 (Bat and Bird Boxes), 17 (Large Scale Details), 19 (Car Parking Management Plan), 23 (Disabled Car Parking) and 24 (Landscaping) as imposed by planning permission 25/02008/FUL

225. Recreation & Environment Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee of the Town Council, held on 31st March 2026, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. R Crowther, seconded by Cllr. J Grocutt and
RESOLVED:- (i) that the minutes of the Recreation & Environment Committee be accepted.
226. Finance Committee Members discussed Minutes of the Finance Committee of the Town Council, held on 31st March 2026, copies of which had been previously circulated.
Proposed by Cllr. R Crowther, seconded by Cllr. J Grocutt and
RESOLVED:- (i) that the minutes of the Finance Committee be accepted.
(ii) that the Town Council adopt the Business Continuity Plan.
(iii) that the Town Council adopt the Investments Policy.
227. Accounts for Authorisation
Proposed by Cllr. R Crowther, seconded by Cllr. J Grocutt and
(i) That payments be authorised in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-

		£	<u>Made Under Power</u>
Salaries/Tax/NI/Pensions	April 2026	4011.02	LGA72(S111)
Foglish Electrical Ltd	Heavy Duty Refuse Sacks	16.99	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solns	Monthly Water Monitoring	10.30	LGA72(S14P9)
YLCA	Annual Subscription	1848.00	LGA72(S143)
STC – ARC Management	History Society Room Rent Grant	4576.00	LGA76(S19)
Valley in Bloom	Valley in Bloom Funding	2000.00	LGA76(S19)
Steel Valley Project	Strategic Partnership 2026/27	8000.00	LGA72(S137)
YLCA	Training – Asst Clerk Finance	35.00	LGA72(S111)
Cloudy Group	Training – Asst Clerk AI Course	48.00	LGA72(S111)
Valley Music Festival	Grant	1000.00	LGA72(S145)
M Derbyshire	Citizens Award	50.00	LGA72(S137)
I Lucraft	Citizens Award	50.00	LGA72(S137)
Bolsterstone Village Hall Trust	Citizens Award	50.00	LGA72(S137)
4SLC Trust	Revenue Funding – Quarter 1	7500.00	LGA76(S19)

(ii) That payments be authorised in settlement of the undermentioned accounts in respect of The ARC:-

		£	<u>Made Under Power</u>
We Can Source It Ltd	Paper Coffee Cups	31.99	LGA72(S111)
Facility Maintenance Solns	Monthly Water Monitoring – ARC	20.60	LGA72(S111)
NRC Services	Cleaning Charges	894.65	LGA72(S111)
A Holden	Window Cleaning	60.00	LGA72(S111)
Culligan UK Ltd	Water Cooler Charges	90.08	LGA72(S111)
Pointer Ltd	Call Out Charge/Repairs	139.99	LGA72(S111)

(iii) That authority be given for Direct Debits paid in settlement of the undermentioned accounts:-

		£	<u>Made Under Power</u>
March 2026:-			
Sheffield City Council	Business Rates – ARC Room 10	196.00	LGA72(S111)
British Gas Lite	Electricity Charges – Xmas Tree (Precinct)	18.75	LGA72(S111)
MJRCC	Broadband/Phone Charges	43.04	LGA72(S111)
MJRCC	Computer Charges	31.20	LGA72(S111)
MJRCC	Renewal of Domain Name	18.00	LGA72(S111)

Intuit Ltd	Quickbooks Package	19.20	LGA72(S111)
Moorepay	Payroll Charges	84.14	LGA72(S111)
Business Stream	Water Charges – Public Toilets	59.83	LGA72(S111)
Siemens Financial Services	Photocopier Lease	147.02	LGA72(S111)
Veolia	Waste Removal Charges – Jan	150.72	LGA72(S111)
Veolia	Waste Removal Charges – Feb	121.54	LGA72(S111)
EDF	Electricity Charges – ARC – Feb	784.03	LGA72(S111)

Chair